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AT the Court at St. *James's* the 6th Day of *February* 1718.

PRESENT,

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

His Majeſty in Council was this Day pleaſed to declare Evelyn Duke of Kingſton Lord Preſident of the Privy Council, and his Grace took his Place at the Board accordingly.

His Majeſty in Council having this Day been pleaſed to deliver the Cuſtody of the Privy Seal to Henry Duke of Kent, his Grace had the Oath of Keeper of the Privy Seal adminiſtred to him, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Whitehall, Feb. 6. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint his Grace John Duke of Argyle Lord Steward of His Majeſty's Houſhold.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to conſtitute Charles Earl of Sunderland to be Groom of the Stole, and firſt Gentleman of the Bed-Chamber, to His Majeſty.

Paris, Feb. 11. On the 5th Inſtant the Earl of Stair, Ambaſſadour Extraordinary and Gentleman of the Bed Chamber to the King of Great Britain, made his publick Entry into this City. The Marſhal d'Eſtrees and the Chevalier de Sainctot, Introductor of Ambaſſadours, went to receive him in the King's Coaches at La Raquette, from whence the March was in the following Order. The Introductor's Coach; that of the Marſhal d'Eſtrees preceeded by his Swiſs, 2 Equerrys and 4 Pages on Horſeback; the Ambaſſadour's Gentleman of the Horſe on Horſeback; 36 Footmen; a Meſſenger of the King of Great Britain on Horſeback; 6 Led Horſes with magnificent Furniture, led by Grooms; 12 Gentlemen on Horſeback, the Ambaſſadour's Maſter of the Horſe, and 12 Pages on Horſeback. The King's Coach, thoſe of the Dutcheſs of Berry, Madame, the Duke of Orleans, the Dutcheſs of Orleans, the Duke of Chartres, the Princeſs of Conde, the Dutcheſs Dowager of Bourbon, the Duke and Dutcheſs of Bourbon, the Princeſs Dowager of Conti, the ſecond Princeſs Dowager of Conti, the Prince and Princeſs of Conti, the Count of Toulouſe; and that of the Abbot du Bois, Miniſter and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. At the Diſtance of 30 or 40 Paces two Swiſs on Horſeback; the Ambaſſadour's five Coaches, which were very rich and ſplendid, as were likewiſe his Liveries. Theſe were follow'd by the Secretary of the Embaſſy Mr. Crawfurd's Coach, and others of ſeveral Britiſh Gentlemen. Being arrived at the Hotel for the Entertainment of Ambaſſadours Extraordinary, the Ambaſſadour was complimented in the King's Name by the Marquis de Geſvres, firſt Gentleman of his Bed-Chamber; on the Part of the Dutcheſs of Berry, by the Chevalier de Hautefort her Maſter of the Horſe; on the part of Madame, by the Marquis de Simiane, her Maſter of the Horſe; on the part of the Duke of Orleans by the Marquis de Simiane, firſt Gentleman of his Bed-Chamber; and on the part of the Dutcheſs of Orleans by the Marquis de Saint Pierre her Maſter of the Horſe. He was lodged in that Hotel, and entertained the three following Days by the King's Officers.

On the 7th the Prince de Lambeſc and the Chevalier de Sainctot Introductor of Ambaſſadours, went in the King's Coach to the Hotel of Ambaſſadours Extraordinary to receive the Earl of Stair, and conducted him to his firſt publick Audience of his Majeſty. In his Paſſage at the *Place du Carouzel* he found the Companies of French and Swiſs Guards under Arms, Drums beating. In the Court the Guards of the Gate and thoſe of the Provoſtſhip were under Arms in two Lines at their uſual Poſts. He was received at the Foot of the Stair-Caſe by the Marquis de Dreux Great Maſter of the Ceremonies, and by M. de Granges Maſter of the Ceremonies, the 100 Swiſs ſtanding on the Stairs and in their Hall with their Halbards in their Hands. He was received within the Hall of the Life Guards by the Duke de Noailles Captain of the firſt Troop of the Life-Guards who were under Arms ranged in two Lines. After his Audience of the King, he was re-conducted by the Chevalier de Sainctot in the ſame Coach, with the uſual Ceremonies to the Hotel of Ambaſſadours Extraordinary. To Day the Earl of Stair goes to the Palace of Luxembourg to have publick Audience of the Dutcheſs of Berry in the great Gallery. On the 13th Inſtant his Excellency will likewiſe go to the Palais Royal to have Audience of Madame, the Duke of Orleans, the Dutcheſs of Orleans, and the Duke of Chartres.

St. James's, February 3.

This Day the Count de Holſt, Plenipotentiary Miniſter from the King of Denmark, had his firſt private Audience of His Majeſty; to which he was introduced by the Right Honourable Earl Stanhope, one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, Feb. 3. This Day an Addreſs was preſented to His Majeſty by the Corporations of the Mines Royal, the Mineral and Battery-Works, (who have rais'd a Joint-Stock of One Million One Hundred and Fifty Two Thouſand Pounds for the Aſſurance of Ships and Merchandize,) introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Sunderland and Earl Stanhope; which Addreſs His Majeſty received very graciouſly: And the Right Honourable the Lord Onſlow, and Sir John Williams (Governours,) the Deputy-Governours, Court of Aſſiſtants, and all the Members of the ſaid Corporations that attended, had the Honour to kiſs His Majeſty's Hand.

The Circuits appointed for the *Lent*-Aſſizes, are as follow.

Home Circuit.

Lord Chief Juſtice *Pratt.*
Mr. Baron *Price.*

Hertford, Monday *March* 2, at the Town of *Hertford.*
Eſſex, Wedneſday *March* 4, at *Chelmsford.*
Kent, Monday *March* 9, at *Rocheſter.*
Suſſex, Monday *March* 16, at *Eaſt Grinſted.*
Surry, Wedneſday *March* 18, at *Gutlford.*

Norfolk